

# Some walk, some balk as board cuts 500 jobs

By JOSEPH KEHOE, Editor-in-Chief

Employee walkouts, some effective and some not, have hit the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) following last week's decision by the Board of Trustees to eliminate 500 classified positions district-wide.

Classified (non-teaching) employees staged a sickout with varying degrees of success at the nine district college last Friday to protest the board's action.

East Los Angeles College, with a 90 percent walkout, and Los Angeles Trade Technical College, with a 75 percent absence, along with three other campuses, were the ones hardest hit by the "Blue Flu." Valley, Mission, and L.A. Harbor Colleges were not affected.

Some of the areas shut down by the walkout at the various campuses included the admission office, plant facilities, the cafeteria, and the swimming pool.

This week, however, calls for a four-day walkout (from Tuesday through tomorrow) to "shut down" the district by Faculty And Staff Together (F.A.S.T.), a newly formed organization, seems to be having little impact on district operations.

Last week's decision is expected to cut over \$6 million from the district's current \$33 million budget deficit.

Chancellor Leslie Koltai said, "This action fills me with more grief

than I have experienced in my entire adult life."

However, in a letter to employees Koltai expressed little sympathy for workers who take part in the F.A.S.T.-proposed walkout this week.

"If an employee cannot verify his/her illness or personal necessity, the non-working day(s) shall be recorded as unpaid," he warned.

F.A.S.T. is comprised of members of the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSFA), Local 99, and Local 347.

Mel Brown, BFSFA member and an instructor at L.A. Trade Tech,

expressed the group's intentions in an open letter to the chancellor.

"We, as Martin Luther King did so well, hope to create 'a type of constructive non-violent tension . . . that it will inevitably open the door to negotiation,'" Brown said in his letter.

"I hope that people of goodwill throughout the district will support this walkout. None can sit idly by while others suffer."

Brown concluded the letter by stating his physical and emotional condition.

"I am not sick; therefore, I am not claiming any sick leave. I am

sick, however, of what is happening to our students and classified workers. I am sick also of the myth that an injury to one is not an injury to all."

As part of its attempted to combat the layoffs, BFSFA has also retained an attorney to seek a federal injunction charging the district with violation of Affirmative Action guidelines.

When the reductions take place on Jan. 6, the district will be left with less than 1,400 classified employees. There were 2,300 such workers in 1978.

Henry Ealy, president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, called the cuts "a political move."

He accused the district of "playing the same game" with employees that the governor and Legislature "played" with the community college funding issue.

"I think they're rolling the dice on a very, very sensitive gamble — a gamble on peoples' lives."

"That's the tragedy of it."

Trustee Harold Garvin, who cast the only dissenting vote last week, warned of the consequences of such a drastic reduction.

"After 31 years of teaching in this district, I know the value of classified workers. This district simply cannot function firing 500 of them."

(Eileen Erickson Darmiento contributed to this story)



TRICK OR TRUNK?

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## 'Difficult times' precede 'better days' — Koltai

By MARY CRONIN, News Editor

In spite of "extraordinarily difficult times" for our district, Chancellor Leslie Koltai, in his annual State of the District address yesterday, was enthusiastic about innovative new programs begun in the past year and optimistic that "better days will come" for the Los Angeles community colleges.

Koltai began his speech by expressing concern for the classified workers whose jobs are in jeopardy because of the district's approximately \$29 million budget deficit.

Said Koltai, "There are no words to express my sorrow at the series of events which brought us to that unprecedented, but unavoidable, personnel action."

Recalling the legislative battles which caused the state's community college funding crisis, Koltai insisted that tuition "is only a symbol. The real issue is access. The great legislative struggles being waged in Sacramento are really about who our students are or who they should be. The struggle is over the soul of the community college in California."

He called attention to the section of the California Education Code which states that "It is the intent of the Legislature that each resident of California who has the capacity and motivation to benefit from higher education should have the opportunity to enroll in an institution of higher learning."

According to Koltai, "Education is one of the most fundamental ingredients of individual and societal growth and progress in our state."

In spite of budget cuts which

resulted in the cancellation of 652 classes this fall and the anticipation of even more class reductions in the spring, Koltai remains hopeful that the community colleges will remain "a cornerstone for the access to higher education."

The Chancellor credited the creativity of the district employees for the success of several recently initiated student programs.

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## Prisoners speak out

By JEFF SHARE, City Editor

"For tenderness I had the rats, cockroaches, and mosquitos that came and chewed on my flesh," said Constantino Coronel, a former prisoner of conscience, when he described his five years of imprisonment in a Paraguayan jail.

Now freed because of the work of Amnesty International, Coronel and Osvaldo Jaureche (a former prisoner of conscience in Argentina) spoke Monday at Monarch Hall to an audience of about 150 people about the importance of Amnesty International.

The San Fernando Valley adoption group of Amnesty International sponsored this event, which included a film and panel discussion. The panel consisted of Coronel, Jaureche, Michael Heim, an

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## Hearing sparks angry protests

By JEFF SHARE, City Editor

Over 500 people from all facets of the California Community Colleges, from janitors to chancellors, attended the hearing of the Assembly Special Committee on Community Colleges at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) yesterday afternoon.

The purpose of yesterday's hearing was to understand the community colleges' history, mission, and fiscal problems, according to the Committee Chairperson Robert Campbell. He said, "We came here not to avoid the issues."

In response to pressing questions from Sen. Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) about a \$1 billion surplus prediction, California Community College Chancellor Gerald Hayward said, "I am going to recommend to the Board of Governors tomorrow that they reconsider their [proposition] position in light of this prediction."

This statement brought a round of applause and a comment from

ELAC President Arthur D. Avila, "Now we have accomplished something."

The hearing continued for two hours with speakers reading reports evaluating the community colleges. Pat Callan, director of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, summed up his findings by stating, "There is a need for a mission of the community colleges . . . a need to identify priorities . . . the ones at present are not operable."

Students from community colleges as far away as San Diego spoke out against tuition. Jerilyn Stapleton, Valley College Associated Student Body commissioner of women concerns emphasized that the issue is "not so much the money as it is the open access to education."

Driving the point of tuition home, Theresa Figueroa, a student at ELAC, spoke on behalf of disabled

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CHANCELLOR GERALD HAYWARD

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### Perspective

## No 'horsing' around for this president

By EILEEN DARMIENTO, Copy Editor and MARY CRONIN, News Editor

"I came to the community colleges by choice. The community colleges are more exciting because they make a difference in people's lives."

Valley President Mary Lee has experienced studying at and working for both a large state university (UCLA) and a prestigious private university (USC) but prefers the community college system.

Dr. Lee has been an administrator at Valley for the last five years after being transferred from Pierce, and is now in her third year as Valley's president.

"The time has gone by so fast that it seems like just two or three months. There is always something more to do," said Lee.

Canadian-born Lee is enthusiastic about the contribution that California's free access community colleges make in society. Besides the obvious successes of students who earn associate degrees, occupational certificates, or who become eligible to transfer to four-year institutions, Lee also points out the less noticeable successes of "stopover students."

According to Lee, the value of the community colleges is too often measured by the students who are in some way certified by the school, but the success of the "stopover student" who finds a job before receiving his occupational certificate or who transfers to another school without filing a certification for transfer is all too often overlooked.

"We've provided those people with the training for a job, but we don't get credit for those people."

She remains firm in her stand against tuition in the state's community colleges.

"I believe that the community colleges should stay tuition free, and that we should take a stand on that. The community colleges are doing a good job in that they provide access and entry for minority and low income students. By taking a stand on no tuition we are taking a stand for community colleges. Because once you start chipping away, where does it end?"

Lee has high regard for the LACCD Administration in the difficult years since 1978 when Prop. 13 shifted school funding authority from the local level to Sacramento. "I think the board members, and Chancellor Koltai, the district staff, and the faculty and administrations at the college played a tremendous role in the support of the district's community colleges — more than a lot of people realize."

The district's recent move to cut 500 classified positions is going to seriously affect the colleges according to Lee. She does not believe that the colleges can be maintained and run efficiently without the workers who will be laid off.

"Already the custodial and clerical staffs have been cut so much that there are things that are simply not getting done." She hopes that "some reconcilia-

tion [on the community college funding controversy] will take place before January."

Being at the helm of a school with 22,000 students requires a great deal of hard work, but Lee is accustomed to high demand days. She recalled what she referred to as an "interesting" six years of her life. "I got married, had two children and earned two master's degrees and a Ph. D."

When finished with her daily administrative work, Lee goes home to her "husband, two sons, three horses, three dogs, a cat, a flock of chickens, and two and a half cows. (The pig is now in the freezer.)"

An avid rider, Lee recently completed the grueling 100 miles in 24 hours trek over the high Sierras from Lake Tahoe to Auburn.

"It's important to have a balance in life, and . . . it's important to stay physically fit," said Lee. "You have to have small challenges like that. I think it's a healthy outlet and helps me do my job better."

The funding pattern from the state has indicated a change in the direction of the community colleges in the future, according to Lee. "The types of courses that were cut out last year were courses that were taken primarily by part-time students, and so that is pushing the students into more traditional programs leading to transfers or to the associate degree or to the occupational certificate."



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## Bored insensitive

Last week the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees was forced by budget constraints to propose the layoff of 500 classified employees.

It was indeed tragic that the district had to make this decision.

But what made the tragedy for those whose jobs may be axed even worse was the insensitive treatment of Chancellor Leslie Koltai, and Trustees Wallace Albertson, Marguerite Archie, Arthur Bronson, Lindsay Conner, Harold Garvin, Monroe Richman, and Rick Tuttle toward the workers who came to address them. Board members were inattentive, discourteous, and patronizing.

The workers were invited to the board's plush 12th floor quarters to plead their case, only to be greeted with the news that displacement centers were being created for them. After that announcement, how could the trustees even begin to pretend that their minds were not made up about the layoffs?

Since almost 50 speakers were scheduled to address the board, the meeting was expectedly lengthy. But given the gravity of the subject at hand, one would think that the board members would have made an attempt to listen to those whose jobs were on the line.

Unfortunately, just the opposite was true. The trustees were inattentive to the point of rudeness. They talked to each other, wandered in and out, and became increasingly indifferent.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at midday so that, by accident or design, the angry crowd of 500 dwindled to less than two dozen persistent onlookers when the final devastating vote was taken.

As the crowd drifted away, the attention span of the trustees became even shorter—and their absences became lengthier. The Chancellor wandered about the room conversing with acquaintances.

During that final hour, while the trustees took turns justifying their votes, Trustee Arthur Bronson gave up any pretense of involvement in the proceedings. He absented himself to watch his daughter skydive on television. The future of hundreds of families was being decided by the board, and this man evidently did not care.

The layoff decision by the board may or may not be justified at this time, but the board's treatment of those who will be most affected by the decision—the district's classified workers—cannot be.

## Dumping the problem

"If I ever go searching for my heart's desire again, I'll never look farther than my own back yard," said Dorothy after she plummeted in dream back to Kansas from OZ.

This would likewise be sound advice to many Southern Californians who've unwittingly bought homes in recent decades near abandoned toxic waste sites.

For these homeowners and their families, venturing farther than their own back yards often enough could prove dangerous—or lethal.

And with the total number of California's toxic waste dumpsites and their toxicity levels unknown, and a projected 7.7 million tons of hazardous waste to be generated here in 1985, that backyard could someday be yours.

No, it doesn't just happen in Love Canal, New York or Times Beach, Missouri.

Hazardous chemicals within Riverside's Stringfellow acid pits have already bubbled down to groundwater level. Los Angeles alone harbors at least three sites identified by government agencies as health hazardous and have been targeted for cleanup.

Though not all of Southern California's over 100 facilities threaten public health (thanks to tough toxic control laws) few sites, active or abandoned, are tested for toxicity or checked for leaks.

In liquid or solid form, hazardous wastes can, in certain concentrations, cause birth

defects, degenerative disease, and death.

When dumpsites were established in the 1940's, industry and government engineers assumed that groundwater supplies were safe from virtually all pollution. Recent reports, however, by the Assembly Office of Research, warned that drinking and well waters are "threatened" by chemical seepage of underground tanks, landfills, dumps, and evaporation ponds.

In fact, the state Department of Health Services acknowledged that for almost 30 years no records of where California hid its hazardous waste were kept. Today, roughly 80 percent of California's toxic wastes are improperly disposed of, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates.

Though more stringent than the national average, the state's toxic waste disposal laws must be vigorously enforced—an attitude adopted by Joel Moskowitz, director of the toxic substances division of the state Department of Health Services.

What lies beyond government regulation and the establishment of "Superfunds" earmarked for toxic cleanup is perhaps the most hazardous waste of all—public ignorance.

If we continue to overlook the incessant abuse of our earth in favor of the convenience of goods at any cost, we might just as well exchange our swimming pool for an acid pool.

## Letters to the Star

## PLO's P.O.V.

To the editor:

I wrote this letter to inform people at Valley College about a PLO rally to be held on campus on November 2.

The sponsors are calling the event a "teach-in" from the Middle-Eastern point of view, but that is incorrect.

The PLO does not represent the Middle-Eastern point of view. First, with a majority of Middle-Eastern countries fighting among themselves, there can be no single Middle-Eastern point of view. Furthermore, the fighting in the Middle East started long before Israel's establishment, yet Israel is frequently blamed for fighting within Lebanon and other countries.

The PLO, whose normal operating procedure is violence, teaches nothing of truth, compromise and peace. The speakers will have a PLO point of view which is not representative of Palestinian moderates or the Middle East in general. Therefore, be concerned about the propaganda rally; it is far from a teach-in.

Paulette Doblin  
Student

## The 'real truth'

Dear Editor,

In response to your (Oct. 20) article ('Facist baby-killers' replace myth with truth'). I would like to state the real truth about Planned Parenthood and their advice to young adults.

I am a healthy, 20-year-old Valley student and, like most young people, have experienced the (sexual) pressures of adolescence.

Both my girlfriend and I visited a Planned Parenthood Center and were thoroughly disgusted with their attitude toward sexual promiscuity.

In essence, the counselor told us to go ahead and have sex but to always use contraceptives. (When)

**"You don't have to have sex..."**

the question of pregnancy came upon the counselor, she blatantly replied, "Have an abortion."

This kind of advice towards sex and family planning may be a factor in the cause of the recent vandalism of Planned Parenthood's bench ads. If Planned Parenthood gave advice such as, "There's nothing wrong with abstaining from sex until you're ready for the responsibilities," or, "You don't have to have sex to prove your maturity," there may be a lot fewer unwanted pregnancies and unhappy, frustrated young adults.

Since many parents won't educate their children about sex, pregnancy, and birth control, Planned Parenthood should teach some morals

and tell young people that sex is not there to indulge in in a carefree manner.

Instead of considering teen-agers to be sex-starved and ready to indulge in sexual situations, Planned Parenthood should look at teen-

ager as young adults who are curious about sex but don't want to be pushed into something that they're not always ready for.

Al Pabst,  
Music Major

## Boxing debate pulls no punches

## Savagery of 'sport' warrants much more than regulation

By GREGORY POTTER, Managing Editor

The 23-year-old South Korean never found out who won the World Boxing Assn. Championship lightweight fight.

Four days after receiving terminal brain damage from a 14th round knockout at the hands of Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini in Las Vegas last November, boxer Duk Koo Kim died.

Fight promoter Bob Arum proposed a "one-month, maybe two" moratorium on boxing while medical experts studied ring safety.

Boxing matches continued relentlessly.

After congratulating his opponent, Isidro (Gino) Perez returned to his corner in the ring, collapsed, and died six days later in a New York hospital.

His death was the eighth ring fatality in the world this year.

Ironically, Perez in 1981 knocked out Fred Bowman who lapsed into a year-long coma before his death.

Poetic justice or neglected warning?

Two weeks after Kiko Benjines succumbed to a fatal blow in quest of the World Boxing Council bantamweight title fight at Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium, a veteran ringsider justified boxing's brutality to reporters:

"Every fighter knows what he's getting into...Do you tell a soldier not to get killed? It's the game."

The game. A so-called "sport."

In what sport other than boxing is the sole objective of the participants to pound each other into unconsciousness wearing little more than gloves?

Lead with padding, football teams march the ball into "enemy" territory while the other team tries to stop them.

Thick foam protectors and masks dull the shock of flying sticks and lightning-quick pucks for hockey's goalies.

Sporting a crash helmet, race car drivers undoubtedly derive more thrills from speeding than the thought of plowing into another vehicle at 238 m.p.h.

Violent sports? Yes, but not as life-threatening as boxing.

Boxers, presumably trying to decimate their opponents as quickly as possible, aim for the head.

Though studies have shown that, on average, a fighter absorbs only two solid blows to the head out of 1,000 blows traded in a professional match, only one is needed to cause irreversible damage.

When the brain bangs back and forth inside the skull from a deliberate head blow or an incidental collision with the canvas or ring post, it could lodge onto



one of many sharp, bony protrusions.

Bleeding and pressure within the brain build up until no blood supply can feed it.

Often, it is the punch taken in the fighter's next bout that proves to be the killer.

Concern for boxing safety and reform prompted federal legislation last March creating the 10-member Congressional Advisory Commission on Boxing to study what Rep. Bill Richardson (D-NM) called "a sick sport."

However the commission reports back to the House of Representatives this December, one thing will never change.

It is absurd to think that headgear for professional boxers would ever be welcomed by fans teething for bloodthirsty action.

Boxing needs more than regulation to control its gladiator-like savagery and undesired romanticized image.

Boxing needs to be banned.

## Cause of labor personified in 5,000-year-old tradition

By CHRIS HASSETT, Sports Editor

There are people who want to ban boxing.

Let's look at the issue by going back a few years when America was younger: the early 1900's.

It was a passionate era in American history. The labor movement was already underway. Unions were beginning to take hold. But the majority of Americans were still working 16 to 20 hour days under terrible conditions for little pay.

Boxing was symbolic of these times.

American workers could relate

But now there seems to be a growing tide of protest to ban the sport.

The deaths that have occurred due to fight related injuries in the last few years have been too much for many people to bear.

There is no doubt that some of these people are truly concerned with the safety of the fighter. Their vocal discontent with the sport has recently caused some necessary changes.

One major change came last weekend when the International Amateur Boxing Association voted to require amateur boxers to wear protective headgear during a fight. One American official said about the vote, "In my opinion, it ranked in importance with mandatory use of helmets in football, or masks by hockey goalies. It is just too bad it took boxing... three quarters of a century to pull even with football in the area of safety for the athletes."

Another added safety precaution should be taken by increasing the weight of the boxing glove to help cushion punches thrown by the fighters.

Also, professional title fights should be reduced to 10 rounds from the present 12 (which was recently dropped from 15 rounds), since a proportionately greater amount of injuries occur in the later rounds when the boxer is tired and not as quick to protect himself.

These changes are necessary if the boxing association wants to stay in tune with the attitudes of today's society.

While those changes are being made, maybe people should reevaluate their attitudes toward boxing.

If we were to be banned, it would be a tragedy on several levels.

It would be taking away a sport that a large number of people still love. It would also be ridding America of a sport that has been around for over 5,000 years.

But the biggest tragedy of all is that banning boxing would be closing another door on a part of our society that has few exits.

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# Student death raises questions

*Teacher reflects on life, suicide of 'quiet' student*

By JIM CROGAN, Special Assignments Editor

Suicide is perhaps the most tragic way for someone's life to end. That tragedy compounds itself, becoming even more senseless, when the person who chooses suicide is very young.

Sadly, one student here at Los Angeles Valley College, over the weekend of Oct. 14-16, chose to end her life this way. She was 23 years old and attended school on a part-time basis. Officially, LAVC has not been notified of her death, so in the interests of privacy her name will not be revealed here.

As yet there are no explanations for her suicide and we don't know if those apparently overwhelming pressures she must have felt included problems related to school. It also is hard to imagine the level of grief her family and friends must be feeling over this senseless tragedy.

In short, there is much we don't know about this girl.

As always, suicide tends to leave many questions unanswered. However, we do have something. We have the memories and reflections of one of her teachers who knew her briefly as his student.

Lou Albert is an associate professor in the Health-Education Department, and has been teaching at LAVC for seven years. This girl was a late addition to his Health-Ed 11 class this semester. Albert remembers her as being "quiet."

"Quiet and shy...I always try to make eye contact when I call the roll, and there was something about her eyes that always seemed to draw you in."

Albert said that earlier this week in Health-Ed 11 he experienced something akin to *deja vu*.

"I remembered her there, standing by my desk after class. It was recent. I remembered looking up. She seemed to be waiting for something. I said, 'Can I help you?...she just stood there and then, in a real soft voice, said 'no.' I flashed on it today. For a while I stood there...finally someone said, 'Excuse me'...I looked down at the roll sheet again and remembered I had to draw a line through her name."

Another strange event or perhaps coincidence occurred the week after the student's death. During the second week of October Albert had tested all of his six classes. When he handed the tests back he found that the only test he had not finished correcting was the dead girl's.

"I have around 190 people and it's the only one I didn't grade. The odds against my doing that are astronomical," he said.

According to Albert, the real purpose of Health-Ed 11 is to help students take a "personal inventory."

"We explore areas such as stress, death and dying, aging and wellness. I try and get them to probe," he explained.

Since learning of his student's death, Albert has wondered whether or not something they covered triggered something in her.

"We just covered two stress tests, the wellness inventory, the uptight test, and a section on death and dying. When you start digging that deeply into yourself you're bound to start surfacing an awful lot of things."



*Are a health center, nurse necessary for well-being?*

By MARY BLANCO, Staff Editor

No one knew that John had tuberculosis—not even John himself. Max, who caught it from him in history class did not know. Neither did his carpooling friend, Nancy. It was all very slow in coming, and there was not a single person on the campus where John spent so much of his time as a student counselor who could identify John's persistent cough and fever.

Once John was hospitalized, there was no one on campus to notify his classmates that they had been exposed to a highly contagious disease.

Although this case is fictitious the potential problems are real.

Valley's once busy Health Center ceased to exist in June 1982. At present no nurse is left to care for the health needs of Valley's 22,000 students, and the instructors and staff. The responsibility of emergency medical care now belongs to the campus police.

Captain Wallace Gudzus is confident that his staff can handle any emergency. "All officers (7 full time) are qualified in advanced first aid, emergency medical training, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation."

Non-emergency help has, however, ceased to exist at Valley. The campus nurse used to keep track of infectious and contagious diseases that have appeared on campus, and administered medication and advice for illnesses such as colds, whooping cough, food poisoning, abdominal cramps, and migraine headaches.

The center also used to provide drug counseling, aid for personal problems, and crisis intervention programs.

Sylvia Lubow, Valley College AFT Chairperson, recalls the arbitration that took place when the Health Center was lost and the last attempt to bring it back.

"There were six or seven fee plans presented to the board in 1982 for possible approaches, and all were rejected as inadequate." The board then suggested committees be formed by the administration and the nurses to devise a new plan.

"The administration never called such a committee meeting. They never took the issue back to the board, and took it upon themselves to eliminate the health centers of many colleges by not re-hiring the nurses."

President Mary Lee said recently that the health center "would be very nice to have. And if we can find a way to pay for it, that's great. But right now we have other priorities."

Dr. Lee noted that the nurse who was on campus only served the day students, so that the half of the student population which came to Valley at night did not have the nurse's services available to them. She is confident that the important medical needs of the students—serious emergencies—could efficiently be handled by Valley's campus police and the paramedics at the fire station on Burbank Blvd.

As in the fictitious case of a student named John, an undetected disease like tuberculosis would not be regarded as a medical emergency by Gudzus' staff. Rather, lack of funds has forced the board and Valley's administration to take the chance that this (and other medical complications) will never happen at Valley College.

## Anti-Klan talk due

By LISA SHAMES, Staff Editor

California is known as the land of sunshine, sometimes blue skies, and soon the 1984 Summer Olympics. It is also the fastest growing Ku Klux Klan area outside of the South, according to the John Brown Anti Klan Committee.

Today at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be "teach-in" to inform people about the Klan's activities primarily in California. The John Brown Anti Klan Committee, a 6-year-old national anti-Klan organization, is sponsoring the lecture to be held in Chemistry 100.

"Some people think the best thing is to ignore the Klan, but they haven't gone away," said Michael Nadel, spokesperson for the Brown Committee.

The Klan is mostly associated with its earlier days after the Civil War. It was during the Reconstruction period that the Klan was formed. Its main purpose was to protect the white population and reduce the Black vote.

In 1877 the Klan disbanded, but in the early 20th century it returned.

The Ku Klux Klan is definitely still in the picture and according to Nadel, "very active in California."

The teach-in will feature a film, "Klan Youth Corps," which depicts the Klan's organization of young recruits, including weapon's training. There will be guest speakers from the Center for Black Survival and the John Brown Committee.

Slides will be shown focusing on Klan activities in the California area. Nadel hopes the teach-in will be a "good opportunity for discussion." He feels that discussions of this nature help keep people informed on latest Klan activities.

A major motivation for this teach-in according to Nadel, is the Klan's reported future plans to march up Foothill Boulevard and burn a cross in Sunland Park.

In addition to the teach-in, there will be a demonstration Saturday, Oct. 29, at noon at Sunland City Hall to protest this reported march.

"We have to stand up and voice our opinions," said Nadel. "We can't wait for them [the Klan] to act."

## NEWS NOTES

### FALL '83 HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be Sat., Oct. 29 and will consist of a Monarch football game, and the movie "Heavy Metal" will be shown in Monarch Hall from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Electronics for Homecoming King and Queen, which began yesterday, will continue through today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Monarch Square.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

A Halloween party for the parents and children of the Child Development Center will be held Mon., Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The party will include storytelling, face painting, fingerpainting, and a costume parade by the children beginning at 11 a.m.

### 'PERFECT STRANGER'

The Valley College play 'Perfect Stranger' will be performed tonight, tomorrow, and Saturday night in the Horseshoe Theater at 8:30 p.m.

### TEACH-IN

A teach-in on the crisis in the Middle East is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 2, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

### CLUB DAY

Club Day is Tues., Nov. 1.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive held at Valley last week resulted in a donation of 131 pints of blood to the Red Cross during the two day period.

## Prisoners . . .

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associate professor of Russian and Czechoslovakian literature at UCLA, and Jack Rendler, the coordinator for the California Amnesty International.

The film "Prisoners of Conscience" showed the work Amnesty has been doing for two prisoners of conscience, one in Russia and one in Argentina. Documented in a sensitive manner, the film evoked tears from some in the audience.

As the lights came on, Coronel told his story with the help of a translator. "Without seeing the light of day, in a little room six feet by three feet and very close to the torture area . . . I thought that there were no human beings left in the world; that nobody was thinking of me; that I was all alone."

Coronel, with tears in his eyes, then told about the day it happened.

"Through the bars a little piece of paper came fluttering down onto the dirt where I was laying. The paper said, 'Constantino, don't give up; don't back down; don't die. We know you are there; we know you are alive; and we know why you are there.' And there was the logo of Amnesty International on this piece of paper. This little piece of paper was of utmost importance to me at that moment. The effect it had on me is impossible to express."

The purpose of Amnesty International was explained by Rendler. "We are individuals working on behalf of individuals. We work to seek the release of individuals, to secure their fair trial, and to prevent them from being tortured."

Throughout the evening each speaker emphasized the need for everyone to get involved with Amnesty.

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## Koltai . . .

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Project ACCESS, begun last fall, is a pilot program which "provides carefully-prescribed, mandatory orientation and assessment, along with course placement and active counseling for first-time students."

Students who were part of the program have been found to have improved retention, fewer dropped classes, and more successfully completed units.

"A national model of intersegmental cooperation," is how Koltai described the new programs designed in conjunction with UCLA to help transfer students.

Calling the field of occupational education "an important mission of the community college," Koltai said, "The change in the area is revolutionary . . . and a much closer cooperation with business and industry is the order of the day."

He said that "the presence of this new business/labor/college interest is a two-way street. Our ability to train for business and industry is now being rewarded by the willingness of the corporate sector to provide us with financial assistance as well as management know-how."

Looking to the future, Koltai

said, "Quite simply, our highest priorities are the survival of our colleges and the educational services they provide. It is to these priorities that all of our efforts will be dedicated in the year ahead."

"As Chancellor of this district, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not share with you my belief that better days will come."

## Hearing . . .

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people on campus.

"We are a minority. If we have tuition, that will scare a lot of us off." Glaring at the panel she said, "You never know when you are going to become disabled."

Bringing the crowd to a standing ovation, Virginia Mulrooney, American Federation of Teachers president, representing certified and classified workers asked for "salvation."

"I don't know whether to ask or demand, to plead or to punch you out," she exhorted. "We want you to save us, and our jobs."

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GINDY SCHUMACHER, Valley Star

**RAMBLIN' MAN**—Quarterback Ron Wilson scrambles for the first down while being chased by two East Los Angeles defenders. Wilson came in late in the third quarter

and immediately took control of the offense. In a little over a quarter, he completed 13 of 18 passes for 165 yards. He is expected to start Saturday against L.A. City.

## Monarchs lose league opener, find new life in offense

By CHRIS HASSETT, Sports Editor

The Monarchs lost their first league game of the season 28-20 last Saturday night against East Los Angeles, but for the first time in three games, the offense showed they know how to move the ball.

However, that showing did not come until very late in the third quarter when Ron Wilson came in for the starting quarterback Joe Gaston.

By that time the Monarchs were down 28-6 and things did not look like they would be getting any better for the team.

But on his very first drive, with less than a minute to go in the third quarter, Wilson threw a long pass that was tipped to wide receiver Eric Yarber for a touchdown. The next play Wilson threw to Yarber again for a two point conversion making it 28-14.

"Ron is really beginning to gel," said Running Back Coach Mike Caprefoli.

"He came off the bench and played real well, and that's what fires a team up."

Yarber also had his best game of the year by nearly tying a national record of 17 caught passes in a game. He set a new Southern California record by catching 16

passes for 144 yards.

The Monarch offense went on to gain almost 400 yards but missed several key opportunities to score.

"We didn't have a very bright first half," said Caprefoli. "Having first and goal on the one yard line and not being able to score really takes a lot out of you. But the kids did get the feel of being down in a game and then being able to come back and put points on the board. That is a very positive step for them."

"The defense played a good game too," he said. "They held East L.A. to fewer points than anybody else has in the last five games."

The defense also scored some points by capitalizing on an East L.A. turnover and turning it into a touchdown.

They also held the Huskies to 237 yards total offense. But those 237 yards were good enough to score the 28 points needed to win the ballgame.

The Monarchs will go up against Los Angeles City College this Homecoming Saturday night.

Both teams are 0-1 in league play but the Monarchs are expected to win since L.A. City has been blown out in almost every game.

The Monarchs will also have an inspiring force behind them with an expected large crowd to see the game and the homecoming events.

The crowd will also be able to see a few changes in the Monarch offense.

Ron Wilson is expected to start at the quarterback position and several defensive players will be playing a part in the offensive strategy.

Linebackers Clay Orrison and Jim Buffo, and linemen Rex Walters, Ray Kelly, and Kelvin Harden will be playing offense in certain circumstances, such as a special short yardage offense that Coach Caprefoli said has worked out well in practice.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Halloween theme for Homecoming

By DAVID BOHRER, Assoc. News Editor

The Monarch football team will play their annual homecoming game this Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming has been a high school and college tradition for many years, and this year the Associated Student Body is going all out to make it a memorable celebration.

"I think this homecoming is going to be really great," said Associated Student Body Homecoming Chairperson Jeff Falgien. "We have Gumby and the Lion running for King, and one of Valley's football players running for queen."

So far, said Falgien, there are five candidates for King of the Homecoming Court, and six candidates running for queen.

Homecoming events will include the football game in which Valley will be hosting Los Angeles City College, the Homecoming parade, and the announcing of the Valley Homecoming Court during an extended halftime.

Also, after the game, the movie "Heavy Metal" will be shown in Monarch Hall.

Accompanying companions of ASB members will be admitted free of charge along with the members themselves. Students that do not belong to ASB will be charged \$2.50 for admission that night, or \$1.25 during the time of advanced ticket sales.

"Homecoming is going to be really different this year, as we are basing it on the theme of Halloween," said ASB President Jeff Kaplan.

Voting for Valley's Homecoming Royalty (king and queen) began yesterday and will continue through today and tomorrow. Voting, which can only be done by ASB members, will take place in the Monarch Square from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

Kaplan said that he hopes to see a big voter turnout, but in past elections, as Falgien said, "Only about 50 percent of the eligible members vote."

"We will do anything it takes for this school to make its programs successful," said Kaplan. "We are putting all of our energies towards making Homecoming a success."

### THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday Oct. 28

Volleyball—College of the Canyons 5:30 p.m. at COC

Saturday Oct. 29

Football—Los Angeles City College 7:30 p.m. at Valley

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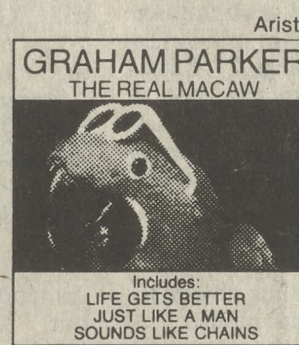
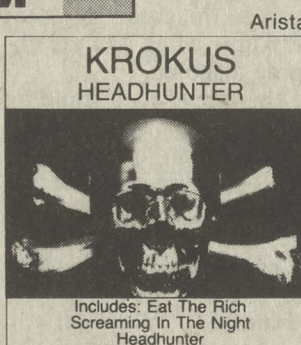
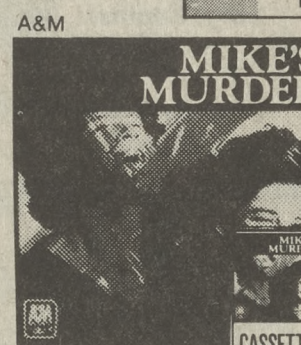
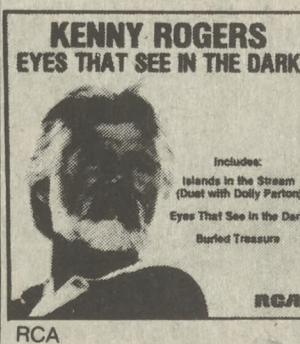
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